

## LONG EXPECTED OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BY BRITISH

PENETRATE  
FIRST LINE  
OF TEUTONS

Following Four Days' Artillery Fire Soldiers Spring Forward and Seize Ground From Enemy Along Sixteen Mile Front

VIOLENT FIGHTING AT  
VERDUN IS REPORTED

Crown Prince Captured and Loses Connecting Trenches East of Hill 304; Thiaumont Works Again Lost by French

By Ed Keen,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
London, July 1.—The long expected offensive began at 7:00 this morning when the English forces swept forward along a twenty-mile front north of Verdun, penetrating the first German line along a sixteen-mile front and taking many prisoners.

The attacks of the British troops were still in progress when the last night bulletins were filed at army headquarters. The French attacked the enemy simultaneously with the British and penetrated deep into the German defenses.

London received reports of the British offensive shortly after it was announced that the Russians had captured the important Galician city of Kolomea and that the French had recaptured Fort Thiaumont northeast of Verdun. It was also reported that the Italians were steadily pushing forward in the Trentino.

The British thrust followed four days of artillery preparations, millions of high explosive shells having bathed the German lines for a distance of ninety miles extending from Ypres to Somme. At dawn today the British guns concentrated their fire on the line from Arras to Somme, blotting out the trenches.

At 7:30 the big guns suddenly lifted their fire and long rows of British troops sprang forward. By 9:30 they had occupied the first German line and were digging themselves in behind huge rows of German dead. The dispatches say the British losses thus far have not been heavy.

Crown Prince Strikes Again.  
By United Press.

Paris, July 1.—The German crown prince resumed his drive on Verdun on both banks of the Meuse. The most violent fighting in many weeks developed northwest of the French fortress.

The Germans captured connecting trenches east of Hill No. 304 but the French recaptured them. East of the Meuse the Germans again penetrated the Thiaumont works which the French recaptured yesterday.

Germans Deny It.  
By United Press.

Berlin, July 1.—British and French forces have attacked on many points, but they have been everywhere repulsed," according to a statement made officially from the war office this morning.

Russian Capture Steamer.  
By United Press.

Copenhagen, July 1.—Russian torpedo boats captured the German steamer Hermonthis with a cargo worth a hundred and twelve thousand dollars, according to reports received here today.

English Capture Forts.  
By United Press.

London, July 1.—Serre, Montauban and Laboisselle have fallen before the advance of British forces. English troops now hold the ground north of Pricourt and they are attacking Beaumont Hamel.

Riots in Berlin.  
By United Press.

London, July 1.—Ten were seriously wounded and fifty were arrested in Berlin this morning during pro-Liebknecht riots, according to the Amer-

## REFUSED ARBITRATION OF DEMANDS



Warren Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (left), and Timothy Shea, assistant president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Enginemen (right), who helped to frame the refusal of the railway employees to arbitrate their demands before the interstate commerce commission. They ask an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

HOTEL DEAL CONTINUES  
TO MEET WITH FAVOR

"I feel greatly encouraged over the prospects," said Ben F. Johnson this morning after interviewing a number of business men in regard to contributions to the hotel bonus.

"I have not been turned down a single time today," Mr. Johnson continued. "It is really surprising how enthusiastically the people are taking hold of the proposition and signing the list for contributions."

"Even the country people are taking an interest in the matter and are pleased with the proposed enterprise. Farmers coming in today said to me, 'I see that Chickasha is going to do something that makes us all feel good.'"

PIONEER IS  
PATRIOTIC

The Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph company is not behind other concerns in taking care of its employees who wish to join the national guard or who were members when the mobilization call came. Clyde Kelly, local manager, has just received a communication from the main office which gives the company's position.

Employees who have already been called will be allowed full pay for three months. After that time, for a period not exceeding nine months, the employees called will be given full pay minus the amount given by the government. Besides this, the dependents of those called will be given full benefit of the "Employees' Benefit Plan," death or injury in service of the country being given the same consideration as death or injury while in the service of the telephone company.

Employees returning from service will be given such position as they are able to fill, the statement says, though the importance of our service to the government and to the public in time of war demands that we do not cripple its efficiency."

Though provision is here given only for a maximum of twelve months in the service, consideration of handling the matter for a longer time will be taken up in case war should come and last longer than twelve months, the letter from John N. Noble, president of the company, states.

dam correspondent of the General News Bureau. Most of the participants were socialists, the correspondent stated.

Mr. Johnson stated that the list of contributors would be published from time to time till the \$15,000 bonus required to close the deal for a \$250,000 hotel is closed. "I want to say that the people have contributed freely and generously thus far," said he. "The spirit that is being manifested makes me feel that we shall be able to put the proposition over. It is very necessary to push the work now as fast as possible and therefore no time will be lost in placing the matter before the business men and property owners. I am sure that everybody in Chickasha will rejoice when we are able to announce that the proposition is clinched."

FIRST LOAD  
MARKETED  
BY GIBSON

The marketing of the 1916 crop of Grady county wheat is on, all right, but the Express reporter was just a week slow in finding it out. Thomas Gibson is the record holder for being in the first load of this year's crop. He threshed his grain between showers last week and delivered the first load to the elevators of the Chickasha Milling company on June 23, a week ago yesterday.

The Gibson fields are three miles northwest of town. The first lot threshed made a yield of a little more than fifteen bushels per acre and tested 57 pounds.

Reports coming in this afternoon indicate that threshing is in progress in practically all parts of the county. The Moore Grain company received several loads yesterday.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
Tonight and Sunday, partly cloudy.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:  
Maximum, 91; minimum, 70.  
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GRADY CO.  
FIRST IN  
OKLAHOMA

Annual Report Presented by O. C. Cooper  
County Demonstration Agent, Shows  
Accomplishments During Past  
Twelve Months

SUCCESS IS RESULT  
OF CO-OPERATION

Active Farm Bureau and Good County  
Officials Responsible, Statement  
Details Gives Work of Entire  
Season

"I believe that Grady county, with the kind of co-operation being given by agent, county officers and commercial bureau, is accomplishing as much in the better agriculture movement as any county in Oklahoma," O. C. Cooper said on his return from the agents' short course meeting at Stillwater. Mr. Cooper gave a complete report of his work for the year while attending the meeting. Other agents did the same thing, and the local man declares that he is positive of three things. The first is that Grady county has the best commercial and farm bureau in the state, the second is that county officials in Grady county co-operate with the agent's work more fully than they do in any other county, and the third is that the local bureau is furnished with the best quarters of any in Oklahoma.

The report covered every phase of the work being accomplished in Grady county. That it has been perfectly satisfactory to federal and state departments, county officials and farm bureau directors is evidenced by the fact that the agent has been appointed for another year with a raise in salary.

The report shows six community center social clubs, in which women, boys and girls are taken; twelve anti-hog cholera clubs; 243 members of the boys clubs; a county demonstration farm and thirty-three demonstrators, doing work with corn, corn and cowpeas in alternate rows, cotton, kafir, wheat, oats, sudan grass and sweet clover; four members of the Oklahoma Seed Growers association; and preparations being made for twenty township fairs.

Concerning these section exhibitions, Mr. Cooper states that there will be a township fair in every municipal township in the county except one, and that two of these, the ones at Minco and Tuttle, will be as large as many county fairs. The county demonstration farm is owned by Ed Burton, four miles east of the city, where everything is being managed under instructions from the agent.

Besides this, there were 152 home gardens kept by Chickasha children during the spring, three school gardens in Chickasha and five in the country.

Concerning the co-operation of county officials, Mr. Cooper's report to federal officials states that both the county commissioners and the county superintendent have lent aid in every possible manner. "I believe M. H. Shepard is one of the best county superintendents in the state," the report says. "He not only is a great help personally, but he also insists that his teachers co-operate with us."

Concerning the Commercial and Farm Bureau, the report gives the membership at 127, and the amount paid into the treasury last year as \$3,878.50. The club paid out, besides a part of Mr. Cooper's salary, \$40 a month rent on the bureau rooms; \$20 a month, upkeep on the car; \$40 a month, stenographer; \$12 a month, telephone expense; and \$4 a month, lights and gas. They purchased a new Ford car for the agent last month and have promised a raise in their part of his salary for next year.

Mr. Cooper declares that after hearing the reports from other agents, he is positive that the local work is furnished the best quarters of any in the state. The room is 23 by 146 feet,

with desks for both man and woman agents and stenographer, with a ladies rest room, furnished, a reading and bulletin table, and a place to display exhibits.

The report made by Mr. Cooper includes only his own work, which is only a part of what is being carried on in Grady county. The rest is in charge of Mrs. Nettie Coryell, women's demonstration agent.

CHICKASHA  
LOOKS GOOD  
TO VISITOR

Traveler Comments on Prosperous Appearance of City; Declares College is Great Drawing Card; New Hotel Big Asset

"Chickasha is more prosperous appearing to the visitor right now than the city has been at any time during the five years that I have been traveling through here," a salesman remarked this morning, as he walked from the Rock Island depot west to the bank building. "And the town isn't second to any city on the west side, either," he continued, "as he surveyed the business buildings in the first two blocks of Chickasha avenue. 'You know,' the drummer said, 'it has been a common sight in all west-side towns for several years to see any number of vacant store and office buildings. I remember when a lot of these along here were unoccupied. I tell you, it looks mighty good to see them filled. And it looks still better to see the upstairs office floors occupied.'"

The man travels over practically all of Oklahoma and knows business conditions throughout the state pretty well. That's part of his business. And he is likewise an authority on the place each city holds in the opinions of "outsiders."

"Chickasha is generally considered one of the most solid cities in the state," he said. "Its growth has been steady and substantial, and it has every resource necessary for the support of an excellent town. It has the railroads, going out in seven directions and giving the city excellent opportunities to become a distributing center. It has shops that have a very substantial payroll, it has oil mills, flour mills and other factories, and it has school advantages second to no city in the state."

"And after all, you've got to give the kind of advantages the best citizens want if you are to have this class of people coming in," he concluded. "The Oklahoma College for Women, if it is given a chance to grow and the proper kind of local support, will bring a thousand families to Chickasha during the next ten years. It is one of the greatest assets the city will ever possess. Besides bringing in thousands of dollars in revenue to the city every year, it will increase wonderfully the value of property in general. A college town is always given the preference when someone is seeking a new location."

"The proposed new hotel," the traveler asked, as he turned in at the bank building. "Yes, it would surely be a big asset."

FILE SUIT  
AGAINST CO.

The commissioners of Grady county are made the defendants in a suit filed in district court this morning. It seeks to cancel a deed made by the plaintiffs, Carl and Virgie Terry, to Grady county, and an injunction to prevent the use of the land by the county. Plaintiffs allege that a title was obtained to their land on June 5, 1916, the plot including a strip 17 1/2 feet wide and a half a mile long, the same to be used as part of a public highway, but they maintain that they were induced to sign the papers by a neighbor who misrepresented conditions. The land is in the south part of the county.

AGED WOMAN IS  
TAKEN SUDDENLY

The death of Mrs. N. A. Wilson, the mother of Mrs. Hugh Cowan, occurred suddenly early this morning at the home of her daughter, 515 Iowa. As Mrs. Wilson arose this morning, in response to an inquiry from her daughter, she stated that she was feeling good, and death claimed her only a few minutes later.

The deceased was 76 years old and was a resident of Terrell, Texas. She had been visiting her daughter here since the first of May.

Arrangements were made through the Schow undertaking firm to ship the body to Terrell and the family left for that point at 1:55 this afternoon.

BIG YIELD  
OF BARLEY

Six thousand and seven hundred bushels of barley from one field of 130 acres is thought by grain men here to be near the record for Grady county. It was raised by R. A. Lyle, the hog and alfalfa man of four miles west of town. The grain has been threshed and measured and is now being held in seed bins.

Reduced to bushels per acre, the yield on the Washita valley land was 43.4 bushels. Mr. Lyle is a member of the Oklahoma Seed Growers association, and will hold the entire crop to sell later in the season. It was inspected before cutting time by O. C. Cooper, county agent, and District Agent Ferguson, a requirement before seed can be sold through the association.

With barley worth practically the same as wheat, the gross revenue on the land if the grain were sold on the market now would be slightly more than \$40 per acre.

INCREASE  
IN ACREAGE

By United Press.  
Washington, July 1.—The area of cotton under cultivation in the United States is given at 35,394,000 acres in a report given out by the census bureau today. Last year's acreage was 32,707,000 acres.

The condition of the crop on June 25 is given as \$1.1 against 80.2 at this time a year ago. The forecasted yield is 191.6 pounds of lint per acre, or a total of 14,366,000 bales.

SAYS WHEAT IS  
NOT DAMAGED

Wheat has not been damaged at all by the wet weather, and Chickasha will soon be the marketing point for thousands of bushels of grain, declares J. T. Ray, a farmer and wheat raiser of eight miles northwest of town, who was an early business visitor this morning. Mr. Ray states that he has sixty acres of grain in the shock which he will thresh just as soon as he can get to it.

"At least two threshers are running in my neighborhood now," he said. "In one field, the grain is threshing out about 21 bushels, and in the other slightly less. These, however, were exceptionally good fields." Mr. Ray believes the average will run above twelve bushels.

Damage from wet weather will be negligible, Mr. Ray says, though some loss may result from the fact that many farmers cut their grain a little too green.

## NO PAPER ON FOURTH.

Advertisers and others are requested to take notice that the Daily Express will not be issued on Tuesday, July 4.

DENY FIRST  
CHIEF WILL  
BE DEFIANT

Advices Indicate Note Will Be Firm; Agular Statement Said to Be Intended Merely for Consumption in Mexico

MEX. TROOPS MOVE  
CLOSER TO PERSHING

Believed to Forecast Attack on Expedition in Case Break Comes; Cattle Seized From Americans Are Ordered Returned

By United Press.  
Washington, July 1.—Carranza will send a "firm" note, emphasizing the fact that he considers the presence of American troops on Mexican soil an infringement of Mexican sovereignty but will not assume a defiant attitude. This report was circulated in official quarters this afternoon following the earlier one that the first chief would adopt a defiant tone in his reply to Wilson's demands. The information reached here through Carranza's friends.

Agular's statement, published in Mexico City yesterday, is interpreted here as being for home consumption only. It was exceedingly defiant in tone, making counter charges against the Americans and demanding the withdrawal of troops from Mexican territory. The state department has received no word that the Agular statement is designed as the official answer to the American note.

By United Press.  
El Paso, Tex., July 1.—Carranza troops in southern Chihuahua are reported to be moving closer to Pershing's lines. It is believed this movement is a forerunner to an attack on the American forces in case relations between the two governments reaches the breaking point.

By United Press.  
Eagle Pass, Tex., July 1.—Governor Merrell of Chihuahua has ordered the return of a hundred thousand head of cattle seized from Americans south of the border. Carranza soldiers are rounding up the stock.

More Refugees Arrive.  
By United Press.

Galveston, Tex., July 1.—The steamer Dade was docked here this morning, with two hundred refugees from Vera Cruz. One thousand others were landed by the transport Dixie. The steamer Wylis, with another party of refugees on board, was expected yesterday but did not arrive on account of lack of quarantine facilities. One thousand more are expected to arrive from Vera Cruz tomorrow.

Arrest Mexican Major.  
By United Press.

Laredo, Tex., July 1.—Dr. Jose M. Mosely, major of the medical corps of the Mexican army, was arrested here this morning, charged with recruiting negroes for service with the Carranza forces.

Mexican Press Approves.  
By United Press.

Mexico City, July 1.—The local newspapers vigorously approve the statement issued by Foreign Secretary Agular refuting assertions contained in the American note. Officials here say the tone of Agular's statement was fully justified because of the tone of the American communication.

It is complained that the United States sent several sharp, undiplomatic messages which were withheld from publication because officials here did not wish to stir up hostility against Americans.

## DEATH OF BABE.

Percy Achilles, the year and a half old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Morris, four miles north of the city, died this morning. Funeral services and interment occurred at the I. O. O. F. cemetery this afternoon.